

CRITERIA FOR PROPOSITION 14 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Title 5 regulations, the application, criteria and process by which Proposition 14 projects will be selected, were finalized on October 19, 2001. In the first phase of funding, no more than \$150 million will be allocated, with no grant more than \$20 million. The State Library is currently estimating that the current Bond Act will fund between 100 and 150 public library projects depending upon the size of the projects funded as well as the number of remodeling projects versus new construction projects.

The grant has specific components and criteria. Following is a summary of the criteria that is provided by the State Library on its Proposition 14 website.

- **Joint Use Projects**

For all projects, first priority for funding is given to joint use projects in which the agency that operates the library and one or more school districts have a formal, cooperative agreement. In applications for remodeling or rehabilitating existing public libraries, priority is also given for those libraries in the attendance areas of public schools that have inadequate infrastructure to support access to computers and other educational technology.

Joint use projects are interpreted in two ways: a “co-located” facility or one that houses a combined public and school library in a single facility either on or off school grounds, or a “joint venture project”, a public library that provides one or more special features such as a computer center, family literacy center, homework center, career center, shared electronic and telecommunications, subject specialty learning centers or similar collaborative services that directly benefit K-12 students.

- **Funding**

The local grant recipient must provide 35% of all eligible project costs and 100% of all other project costs. A resolution from the local governing body must be submitted with the application demonstrating the commitment to provide the local matching fund amount and any other supplemental funds needed to complete the project.

- **Commitment to Provide Public Library Direct Service**

Regardless of any operating agreements, the governing body must agree that the completed building will be dedicated to public library direct service use for a period of 40 years following the completion of the project.

- **Building and Site Considerations**

Supporting documents must be submitted with the application. These include: site and title requirements including all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, proof of property ownership or any lease and lease-purchase agreements, boundary survey, geo-technical report, visual record of the existing library, map and visual record of the site with map.

- **Community Needs Assessment**

The needs assessment is developed as a collaborative effort between the public library and public school district. It demonstrates the need for the project and describes its relationship to the overall library jurisdiction.

- **Library Plan of Service**

A library plan of service will describe how the needs of the residents in the library service area will be met by the proposed project.

- **Library Building Program**

The building program will demonstrate how the library plan of service will be implemented in the project.

- **Conceptual plans**

Architectural plans will be submitted that include a floor plan and site plan that justify the projected construction cost estimate.

Once applications have been submitted, they will be ranked by priority and as to how each application met the review consideration factors specified in the Education Code, section 19998:

- Needs of urban and rural areas.
- Population growth.
- Age and condition of the existing library facility.
- Degree to which the existing library facility is inadequate in meeting the needs of residents in the library service area and the degree to which the proposed project responds to the needs of those residents
- Degree to which the library's plan of service integrates appropriate electronic technologies into the proposed project.
- Degree to which the proposed site is appropriate for the proposed project and its use.
- The financial capacity of the local agency submitting the application to open, maintain operation of the proposed library.

Applications for the first cycle of funding will be accepted on June 14, 2002.

